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The TATLER.

By *Jenny Diſtaff*, Half Siſter to Mr. *Bickerſtaff*.

Ædepol, næ nos æque ſumus omnes inviſæ Viris
Propter paucas, quæ omnes faciunt dignæ ut videamur malo. Teren.

From *Saturday November* 4. to *Tueſday November* 7. 1710.

From my own Aartment, November 6.

MY Brother having written the above Piece of *Latin*, deſired me to take Care of the reſt of the enſuing Paper: Towards this, he bid me anſwer the following Letter; and ſaid, nothing I could write properly on the Subject of it would be diſagreeable to the Motto. It is the Cauſe of my Sex, and I therefore enter upon it with great Alacrity. The Epiſtle is literally thus:

Mr. *Bickerſtaff*, *Edenbourgh, Oct.* 23. 1710.

'I Preſume to lay before you an Affair of mine, and begs you'le be very ſinceir in giveing me your Judgment and Advice in this Matter, which is as follows:

'A very agreeable young Gentelman, who is endow'd with all the good Quallities that can make a Man compleat, has this long Time maid Love to me in the moſt paſſionat Manner that was poſable: He has left nothing unſaid to make me belive his Affections real; and in his Letters expreſs'd himſelf ſo hanſomly, and ſo tenderly, that I had all the Reaſon imaginable to belive him ſinceir. In ſhort, he poſitively has promis'd me he wou'd marry me, but I find all he ſaid nothing; for when the Queſtion was put to him, he wouldn't, but ſtill would continue my humble Servant; and wou'd go on at the ould Rate, repeating the Aſſurences of his Fidelity, (and at the ſame Time has none in him.) He now writs to me in the ſame indearing Stile he uſt to do, wou'd have me ſpake to no Man but himſelf. His Eſtat is in his oune Hand, his Father being dead, my Fortune at my oune Diſpoſal, (mine being alſo dead) and to the full anſwers his Eſtat. Pray, Sir, be ingeinous, and tell me cordially, if you don't think I ſhall do my ſelf an Injurey if I keep Company or a Correſpondance any longer with this Gentelman. I hope you'le faver an honeſt *North Briton* (as I am) with your Advice in this Amoure, for I am reſolved juſt to follow your Directions. Sir, you'le do me a ſenſable Pleaſure, and very great Honour, if you'le pleas to inſirt this poor Scrole, with your Anſwer to it, in your *Tatler*. Pray fail not to give me your Anſwer, for on it depends the Happineſs of

Diſconſolat *Almeira*.

MADAM,

'I Have frequently read over your Letter, and am of Opinion, that as lamentable as it is, it is the moſt common of any Evil that attends our Sex. I am very much troubled for the Tenderneſs you expreſs towards your Lover, but rejoice at the ſame Time that you can ſo far ſurmount your Inclination for him, as to reſolve to diſmiſs him when you have my Brother's Opinion for it. His Senſe of the Matter he deſired me to communicate to you. Oh *Almeira!* The common Failing of our Sex is to value the Merit of our Lovers rather from the Grace of their Addreſs, than the Sincerity of their Hearts. *He has expreſſed himſelf ſo handſomely!* Can you ſay that after you have Reaſon to doubt his Truth? It is a very melancholy Thing that in this Circumſtance of Love, (which is the moſt important of all others in Female Life) we Women who are, they ſay, always weak, are ſtill weakeſt. The true Way of valuing a Man, is to conſider his Reputation among the Men. For want of this neceſſary Rule towards our Conduct, when it is too late we find our ſelves married to the Outcaſts of that Sex; and it is generally from being diſagreeable among Men, that Fellows endeavour to make themſelves pleaſing to us. The little Accompliſhments of coming into a Room with a good Air, and telling while they are with us what we cannot hear among our ſelves, uſually make up the Whole of a Woman's Man's Merit. But if we, when we began to reflect upon our Lover, in the firſt Place conſidered, what Figures they make in the Camp, at the Bar, on the 'Change, in their Country, or at Court, we ſhould behold them in quite another View than at preſent.

'Were we to behave our ſelves according to this Rule, we ſhould not have the juſt Imputation of favouring the ſilleſt of Mortals, to the great Scandal of the wiſeſt, who value our Favour as it advances their Pleaſure, not their Reputation. In a Word, Madam, if you would judge aright in Love, you muſt look upon it as in a Caſe of Friendſhip. Were this Gentleman treating with you for any Thing but your ſelf when you had conſented to his Offer, if he ſell off, you would call him a Cheat and an Impoſtor. There is therefore nothing left for you to do, but to deſpiſe him and your ſelf for doing with Regret.

I am,
MADAM, &c.

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I have heard it often argued in Converſation, that this evil Practice is owing to the perverted Taſt of the Wits in the laſt Generation. A Libertine on the Throne could very eaſily make the Language and the Faſhion turn his own Way. Hence it is that Woman is treated as a Miſtreſs, and not a Wife. It is from the Writings of thoſe Times, and the Traditional Accounts of the Debauches of their Men of Pleaſure, that the Coxcombs now-a-days take upon them, forſooth, to be falſe Swains and perjured Lovers. Methinks I feel all the Woman riſe in me when I reflect upon the nauſeous Rogues that pretend to deceive us. Wretches! that can never have it in their Power to over-reach any Thing living but their Miſtreſſes! In the Name of Goodneſs, if we are deſigned by Nature as ſuitable Companions to the other Sex, why are we not treated accordingly? If we have Merit, as ſome allow, why is it not as baſe in Men to injure us, as one another? If we are the Inſignificants, that others call us, where is the Triumph in deceiving us? But when I look at the Bottom of this Diſaſter, and recollect the many of my Acquaintance whom I have known in the ſame Condition with the *Northern Laſs*, that occaſions this Diſcourſe, I muſt own I have ever found the Perfidiouſneſs of Men has been generally owing to our ſelves, and we have contributed to our own Deceit. The Truth is, we do not conduct our ſelves as we are courted, but as we are inclined. When we let our Imaginations take this unbridled Swing, it is not he that acts beſt is moſt lovely, but he that is moſt lovely acts beſt. When our humble Servants make their Addreſſes, we do not keep our ſelves enough diſengaged to be Judges of their Merit; and we ſeldom give our Judgment of our Lover till we have loſt our Judgment for him.

While *Clarinda* was paſſionately attended and addreſſed to by *Strephon*, who is a Man of Senſe and Knowledge in the World, and *Caſſio*, who has a plentiful Fortune and an excellent Underſtanding, ſhe fell in Love with *Damon* at a Ball: From that Moment, ſhe that was before the moſt reaſonable Creature of all my Acquaintance, cannot hear *Strephon* ſpeak, but it is ſomething ſo out *of the Way of Ladies Converſation*; and *Caſſio* has never ſince opened his Mouth before us, but ſhe whiſpers me, *How ſeldom do Riches and Senſe go together?* The Iſſue of all this is, That for the Love of *Damon*, who has neither Experience, Underſtanding, or Wealth, ſhe deſpiſes thoſe Advantages in the other Two which ſhe finds wanting in her Lover, or elſe thinks he has them for no Reaſon but becauſe he is her Lover. This and many other Inſtances may be given in this Town; but I hope thus much may ſuffice to prevent the Growth of ſuch Evils at *Edinburgh*.

Advertiſements.

AT the Two Brick Piſtars on the Weſt Side of Kenſington Square, a very handſome Houſe and Garden, being an Eſtate of Inheritance, is to be ſold or lett, furniſh'd or unfurniſh'd. Enquire of Mr. Rampine, Attorney at Law, near the Bell Tavern in King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, or at the Houſe.

ALL Sorts of fine Silks and Mercery Goods for Blank Lottery Tickets, at 7 l. a Ticker, and ſold as cheap as for Specie, at the Eagle and Child on Ludgate-Hill.

AT the GREAT WHEAT-SHEAF painted upon a Copper Plate, next the Bell-Savage Inn upon Ludgate-Hill, is ſold all Sorts of rich Foreign Silks, with Gold and Silver Brocades. Likewiſe Plain and Flower'd Velvets for Gowns and Petticoats, and Coach Linings; with all Sorts of Silk Morning-Gowns, for Blank Lottery Tickets, at as high a Price as any Perſon ſhall give for them, and the aboveſaid Goods as cheap as for Specie.

ALL Sorts of rich Brocaded Silks, Japan'd Sattins, Thread Sattins, and Variety of other Things made into Morning-Gowns, large and well lin'd, being a freſh clean Parcel, and to be ſold very cheap, at Mrs. Attaway's, a Cap-maker and Milliner, in Devereux-Court, in the Paſſage from the Temple to Eſſex-Buildings. Note, There are Gowns from 7 l. to 11 l. Price, and the loweſt Price writ on each.

MOrning-Gowns for Men and Women, of all Sorts of rich Brocaded Silks, Japann'd Sattins, and great Variety of other rich Silks, Stuffs and Callicoes, being a freſh Parcel of choice Goods, of Samuel Edwards and Richard Hockett, Mercers, are to be ſold at very low Rates, at the Golden Sugar-Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over-againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs; the Price being ſet on each Gown.

*** A ſhort Eſſay towards the Promoting of Love and Unity amongſt Chriſtians of different Perſuaſions in the leſſer Matters of Religion. Deſigned to allay thoſe unhappy Heats and Animoſities, which have of late more eſpecially prevail'd amongſt us. Printed for J. Robinſon in St. Paul's Church-yard, and ſold by A. Baldwin near the Oxford Arms in Warwick-lane. Pr. 3 d.

A Courſe of Experiments, in order to demonſtrate the Laws of the Gravitation of Fluids; the various Properties of the Air in Relation to its Weight, Spring, Neceſſity of its Preſence in the Converſation of Life, and Production of Flame and Sound: Together with ſeveral new Experiments touching Light and Electricity, produceable on the Attrition of Bodies: Will begin on Monday next the 13th Inſtant at Mr. Hauksbee's in Hind-Court againſt Water-lane, Fleetſtreet; and be continu'd every Thurſday and Monday following till finiſh'd: Where Subſcriptions are taken in, and printed Accounts of the whole are given.

LOſt at Hatfield or thereabouts, a Tortoiſe-ſhell Snuff-Box with a Gold Joint, and the Lid ſtudded with Gold and ſet with Diamonds. Whoever brings it to Hatfield-Houſe in Hertfordſhire, or to Cha. Mather near Temple-Bar in Fleetſtreet, ſhall receive Five Guinea's Reward; and whoever ſtops it, if offered to be ſold, ſhall receive the ſame.

RObert Peters's Sale of 1000 l. for Half a Crown, being near full, is to be drawn at Sadlers-Hall in Cheapſide on Thurſday the 16th Inſtant. All Perſons are deſired to be as ſpeedy as poſſible in taking out Tickets, which are to be had at Mr. Marret's at the Golden-Ball in Devonſhire-ſtreet without Biſhopſgate, Mr. Meaſure's at the Dial near Serjeants-Inn in Fleetſtreet; Mr. Lillie's, Perfumer, the Corner of Beaufort-buildings; Mr. Hill, Goldſmith, in Covent-Garden; Mr. Andrew's, Glover, in Charles-Court in the Strand; Rice's Coffee-houſe in the Hay-market; Child's in St. Paul's Church-yard; George's in Piccadilly, and at the Houſes Numb. 14, and 28, in Glocester-ſtreet; where the Tickets are rolling up, and the Plate is to be ſeen.

THE Sale of Plate, and other valuable Goods, at Mrs. Stokes's, Two Doors on the Left Hand within Crown-Court in Ruſſel-ſtreet, Covent garden, is to be drawn, as has been already advertiſed in this Paper, on Thurſday the 9th of this Inſtant, there being now but very few Tickets to diſpoſe of, at 1 s. a Ticker.

A Second Sale of Jewels, Plate, &c. at Mr. Stocton's Houſe at the Bell in Henrietta-ſtreet, Covent-garden, at 2 s. each Ticker, but 12 Blanks to a Prize, the higheſt Prize 100 l. one at 50 l. two at 30 l. each, two at 25 l. each, one at 20 l. two at 12 l. each; in all 773 Prizes, all new made, and faſhionable. Note, 'tis to be drawn the latter End of this Term, out of Wheels by Boys, as the firſt Sale was drawn by the ſame Undertakers on Michaelmas-Day laſt, to the general Satisfaction of the Adventurers. Tickets may be had at the ſaid Mr. Stocton's, and at Mr. Amſon's at the Gold Ring near Salisbury-court in Fleetſtreet; Mrs. Marriat's, Milliner, in New-ſtreet, Fetter-lane; Mr. Marriat's, Shoemaker, at the White-Hart in the Poultry; Mr. Davis's, Milliner, in Hungerford-Market; at the Vine Tavern in Holborn; Mrs. Sheffield's at the Temple Coffee-houſe by St. Dunſtan's Church, and at Tom's Coffee-houſe in Devereux-Court near Temple-Bar.

THE Goods to the full Value of Eighty Pounds, propoſed to be ſold by Way of Lots, 20 Blanks to one Benefit, at Mr. Steel's in Cary-ſtreet, Little Lincolns-Inn-fields, Watch-maker, by the Diſpoſal of 1600 Tickets, at 1 s. are as follows, viz. a Gold Watch, Value 26 l. a Silver Watch 11 l. the reſt of the Goods are Furrs, as very good and faſhionable Tippets and Muffs, viz. Sable Tip-Tippets, Martin Tip-Tippets, Sable Muffs, Bear Muffs, New England Fox Muffs, White Fox Muffs, Swan-ſkin Muffs, and ſeveral other Sorts of Muffs, and ſome Feather Muffs. The Goods are to be ſeen as they are marked for Sale, being very good and reaſonable. The Watches and other Goods not to be bought cheaper in Town with ready Money. Thoſe that are willing to be Adventurers, are deſired to take out their Tickets ſpeedily, there being already near two Thirds of 'em diſpoſed of; and the Seaſon coming on for the Furrs to be worn, the Sale is purpoſed to be drawn in a Fortnight. Notice will be given two or three Days before in this Paper. Note, The Furrs are Part of the Goods of the late Mrs. Barlow, who kept the Furrier's Shop at the Corner of Milford-lane, over-againſt St. Clement's-Church in the Strand, where Tickets are to be had; at Mr. Kelſey's, a Hoſier, who now lives in the Houſe, and at the Place of Sale.

NOtice is hereby given, That Mrs. Ogle's Catalogue of Plate, 20 l. for 6 d. will be drawn without fail on the 8th Inſtant. There being ſome Tickets ſtill to be diſpoſed of, may be had at Mrs. Ogle's againſt Montague-Houſe; at Mr. Sedgwick's, Hair-Cutter, in the Strand; at Mr. Green's, a Hatter, at the Katharine Wheel-Inn in the Borough of Southwark; at Mr. Ralfe's at the Black Lion in Shoemaker-Row near Aldgate; at Joe's Coffee-houſe in Hatton-Garden; at Mrs. Carter's, Butter-Woman, in Clare-Market, by Clement's-Inn-Gate; and at Mr. Bumſtad's at the White Lion in Walbrook, Furrier. To be drawn at Joe's Coffee-houſe.

Sold by *John Morphew* near *Stationers-Hall*; where Advertiſements are taken in.